

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Deborah Gilbert of Clinton, CT and I am in support of Senate Bill 278 supporting Public Access.

I tape a weekly cable and internet talk program at the Valley Shore Community Television station, which is located in Westbrook, CT. This program is a Public Access program entitled ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT WITH DEBORAH GILBERT. It highlights the arts, entertainment and culture. I began this Public Access program in July of 2020 and have completed 56 programs as of the date of this email.

I work extremely hard to bring quality programming to my viewing audience. I have highlighted local theaters, museums, organizations and performers of all genres.

I am pleased to announce that the Public Access station, Nutmeg TV based in Plainville, has picked up my program since December 1, 2021. My program airs on their channels 4 times a week.

If it weren't for Public Access and the Valley Shore Community Television station, I would not be able to put out a quality program at all. The staff and station are of the highest quality you would find at a professional network. I would like to say thank you to Chris Morgan, the Public Access Coordinator, and Chuck Lewis, the Executive Director, for their total dedication to me and my program.

As I was the Executive Producer and Host of many talk programs in the past, I did not know I would be able to continue to be on their air when I moved to Clinton, CT in 2018. Due to an advertisement in our local paper, I was able to find the Public Access station (Valley Shore Community Television) near my home. I have found that the viewers in my local area love the show and look forward to each week to discover a new guest and information I will bring to them.

Public Access has saved my life and it gives me pure joy to put on a quality program each week PLUS it is also available on the television station's website, Roku and Apple TV.

Public Access is one of the last local voices that brings quality programming of all types to the viewing audience. It would be greatly missed if it were taken off the air.

Most sincerely yours,

Deborah Gilbert  
Clinton Resident  
Executive Producer/Host  
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A Public Access program